

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-0482

Richard Jackson House

4017 Black Rock Road

Upperco, Baltimore County

1800 ca.

Private

Constructed over several phases beginning circa 1800, the Richard Jackson House originated as a modest log cabin that has been significantly enlarged over the last 200 years. Occupied through the mid- to late 19th century by Richard Cox Tracey, the property was sited in the vicinity of Trenton, an early 19th century milling town in the Fifth District. As late as 1850, the village of Zoucksville included only a gristmill, sawmill, and store, all of which were operated by John C. and George Zouck. Between 1850 and 1877, the name of the village had changed from Zoucksville to Trenton. Nearby the property occupied by Richard Cox Tracey remained rural and the surrounding landscape only sparsely developed. By 1881, Trenton's population had reached 75. The village continued to maintain only a few buildings and did not grow significantly through the early 20th century. The 1915 county atlas indicates confirms this lack of growth. While Trenton has retained its late 19th century character into the 21st century, the dwelling at 4017 Black Rock Road has changed significantly by the construction of several additions to the original log building.

The expansive dwelling appears to have evolved from a two-bay-wide log house into a four-bay-wide log house within a short period of time. However, exterior survey alone could not determine which of the two bays initiated construction. Part of the log house features steeple-notched joinery, while the remaining two bays are joined by mortise-and-tenon construction secured with pegs. The steeple-notched bays are pierced by a sash-and-paneled divided single-leaf door and one 6/6 window, while a sash-and-paneled single-leaf door and one two-light casement window pierce the remaining two bays. This exposed log construction, which now has concrete daubing, is evident only on the north elevation of the house and is sheltered by a three-bay-wide porch with a shed roof supported by square wood posts. A second story was later added to the building. The side gable roof is clad in standing seam metal. Two reconstructed interior chimneys, both of which feature stretcher bond brick construction, rise from the gable ends of this side-gabled portion of the building. A series of wings and additions that spanned the following two hundred years have rendered determination of the building's exact evolution nearly impossible by exterior survey. The majority of the structure features wood frame construction clad in weatherboard., and one gable-end wall of a wing is constructed of solid random rubble stone with an interior random rubble stone chimney. Eight additional historic resources are associated with the property. The non-historic resources number fourteen, and their construction dates span the second half of the 20th century.

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Richard Cox Tracey House
other Richard Jackson House (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 4017-4019 Black Rock Road not for publication
city, town Upperco vicinity
county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jerald E. and Sheila J. Brown
street and number 4017 Black Rock Road telephone Not Available
city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 7118/13501 folio 472/499, 508
city, town Towson tax map 26 tax parcel 241, 5 tax ID number 0510000050

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Richard Jackson House was initially constructed circa 1800 as a log house, and has been extensively altered over the last 200 years. The expansive dwelling appears to have evolved from a two-bay-wide log house into a four-bay-wide log house within a short period of time. However, exterior survey alone could not determine which of the two bays initiated construction. Part of the log house features steeple-notched joinery, while the remaining two bays are joined by mortise-and-tenon construction secured with pegs. The steeple-notched bays are pierced by a sash-and-paneled divided single-leaf door and one 6/6 window, while a sash-and-paneled single-leaf door and one two-light casement window pierce the remaining two bays. This exposed log construction, which now has concrete daubing, is evident only on the north elevation of the house and is sheltered by a three-bay-wide porch with a shed roof supported by square wood posts. A second story was later added to the building. The side gable roof is clad in standing seam metal. Two reconstructed interior chimneys, both of which feature stretcher bond brick construction, rise from the gable ends of this side-gabled portion of the building. A series of wings and additions that spanned the following two hundred years have rendered determination of the building's exact evolution nearly impossible by exterior survey. The majority of the structure features wood frame construction clad in weatherboard, and one gable-end wall of a wing is constructed of solid random rubble stone with an interior random rubble stone chimney. An interior survey, while aiding the confirmation of an original construction date, would also help in ascertaining the building's precise evolution.

Eight additional historic resources are associated with the property.

The circa 1800 springhouse is a one-story, one-bay-square solid random rubble stone building with a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal.

The circa 1900 well or cistern features random rubble stone construction with a concrete trough and hand pump.

The one-story shed that dates to circa 1900 features wood frame construction clad in flush vertical board siding with a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal and a solid random rubble stone foundation.

The historic one-story garage, which dates to circa 1920, is a wood frame building clad in board-and-batten siding with random rubble stone foundation and a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal.

The circa 1920 tractor shed/hay barn features a concrete block foundation, board-and-batten-sided wood frame construction, and a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The building is two stories tall.

A poured concrete foundation that supports a wood frame structural system clad in flush vertical board siding comprises the circa 1930 barn. The building has a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal. Several additions have been constructed on the building.

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Dating to circa 1930, the historic corncrib is a one-story wood frame building clad in slatted vertical board siding with a shed roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. The corncrib is supported by a concrete pier foundation. The circa 1930 chicken house is one story tall with a shed roof clad in standing seam metal over a wood frame structural system clad in flush vertical board siding. Clad in pressed vertical board siding, the shed-roofed addition to the building dates to circa 1950.

The non-historic resources number fourteen, and their construction dates span the second half of the 20th century.

The circa 1960 wood frame animal shelter has board-and-batten cladding, a wood post foundation, and a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The front of the structure is open.

There are three cylindrical silos that range in date from circa 1960 to circa 1980. All three are concrete stave silos with circular bands.

The circa 1980 animal shelter features board-and-batten cladding on the wood frame structural system with a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal.

Dating to circa 1980, the stable is a wood structure clad in flush vertical board siding with a gable roof.

The circa 1980 shed features vertical board siding on a wood frame structural system with a shed roof clad in corrugated sheet metal.

The in-ground swimming pool dates to circa 1980 and features a concrete deck.

Two corncribs that date to circa 1990 are cylindrical and feature corrugated sheet metal walls over metal frames with conical roofs clad in standing seam metal. One is approximately thirty feet in diameter, while the other is roughly forty feet in diameter. Both structures are roughly forty feet tall.

The circa 1990 tractor shed is one story tall and six bays wide with a wood frame clad in board-and-batten siding on the sides with an open front below a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal.

There are two animal shelters dating to circa 1990. One is two bays wide with flush vertical board siding over a wood frame structural system. The side gable roof is clad in standing seam metal. The front and one side are open. The other is a one-story wood frame building clad in flush vertical board siding and weatherboard with a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal.

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The tennis court dates to circa 1990 and is composed of a poured concrete slab surrounded by a chain link fence.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1800 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1800 ca.-1990 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 187.

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 869.

⁴ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	Three Acres	
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown	
Quadrangle name	Hampstead	Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1800, the Richard Jackson House has been associated with the combined acreage totaling 103.83 acres of land known as tax parcels 5 and 241 of map 26 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office. The accompanying dependencies have been associated with these two parcels of land since their individual dates of construction.

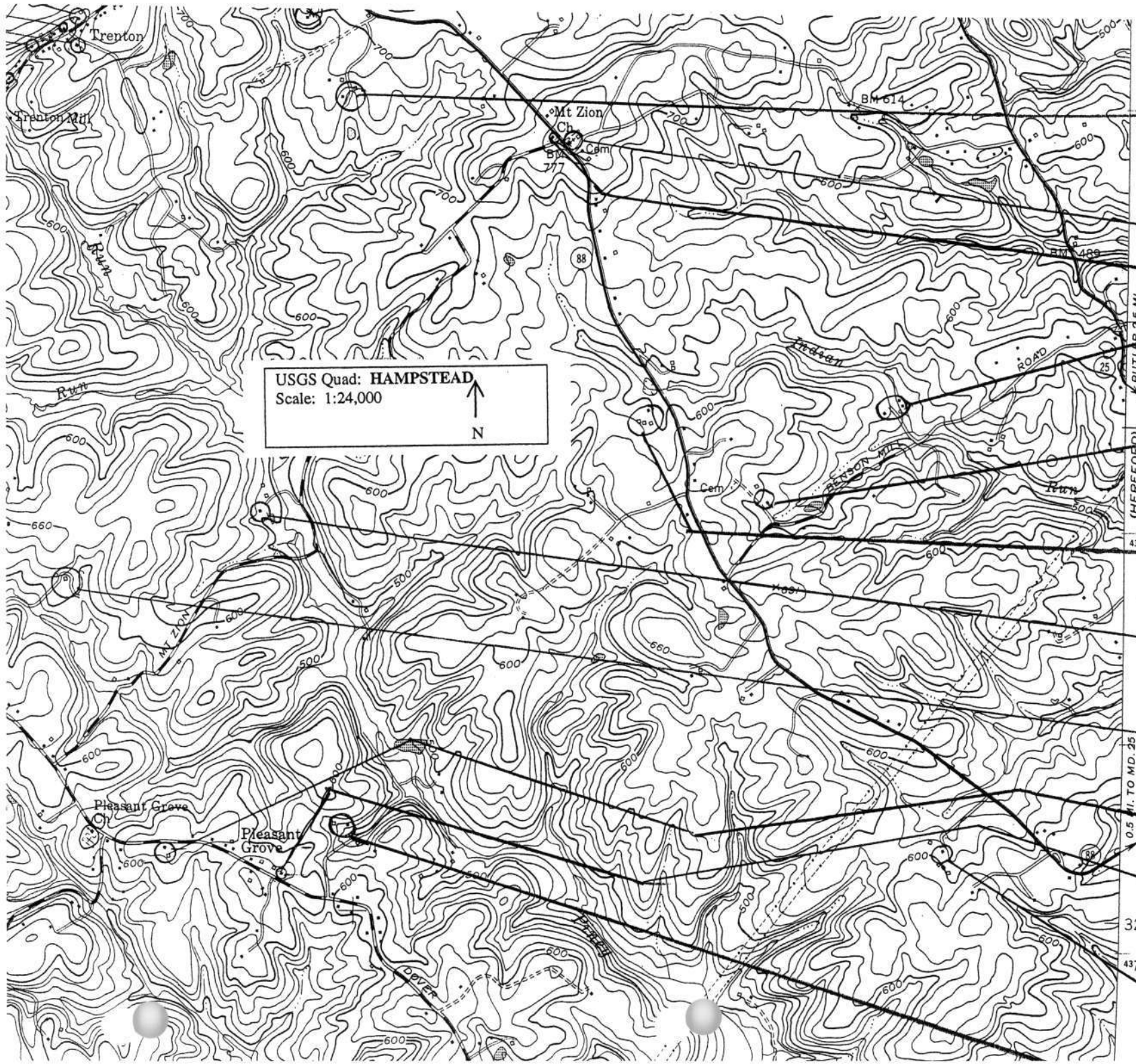
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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3426 BENSON MILL RD
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BA-0494
4242 MT. ZION ROAD
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15627 DARK HOLLOW ROAD
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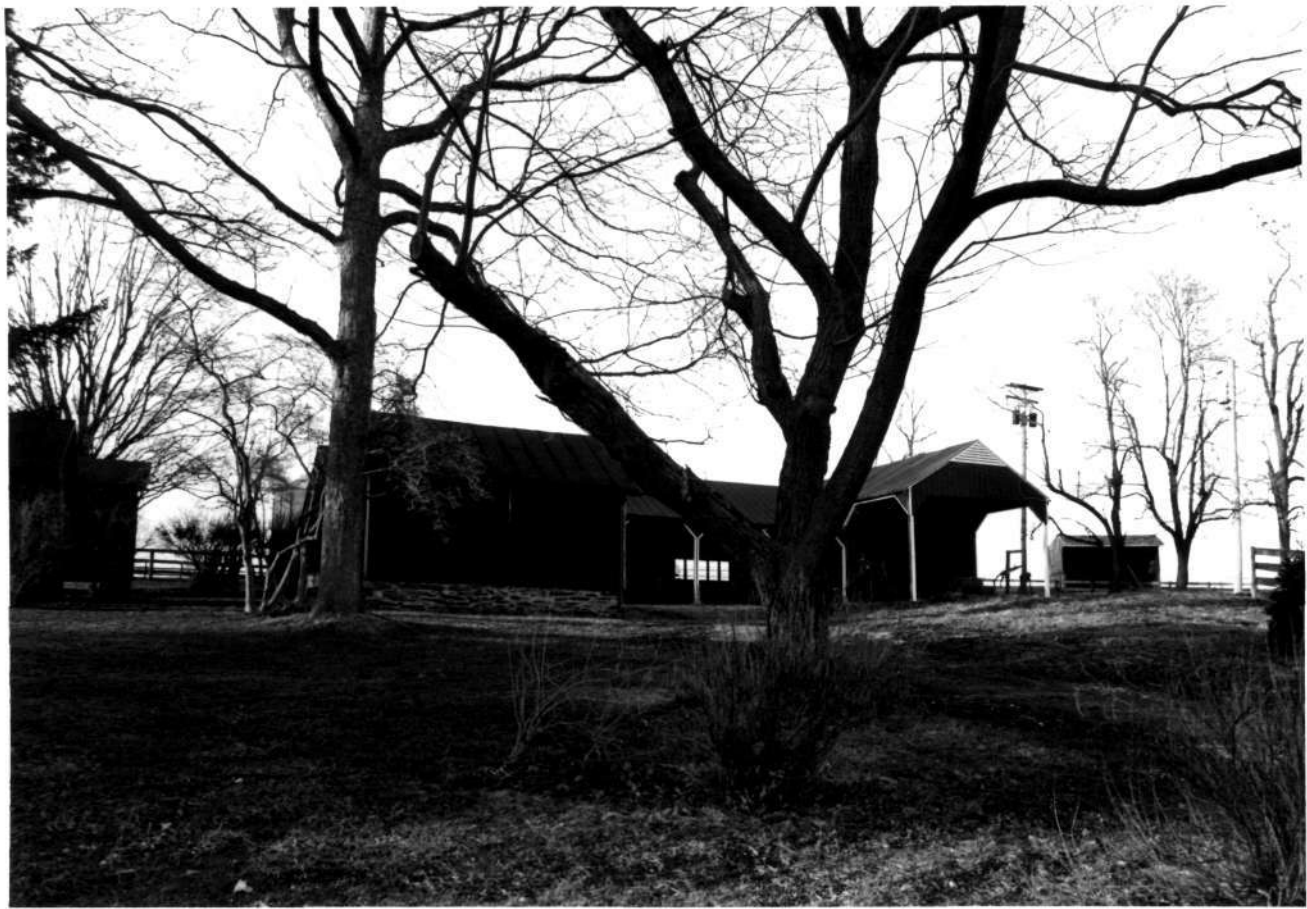
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RICHARD JACKSON HOUSE - Before 1850 - 4017 Black Rock Road, south side, 0.6 mile due west of Mount Zion Church. Shown as Richard Cox Tracey's on 1850 map and in 1877 atlas. Now called "Jackson's Hole". Large frame house in vernacular style; covered with composition shingles; gable roof; long sloping shed roof in rear. Original log house was one room, which is now the entrance hall with the new house built around it. Owner: Mrs. Richard Jackson.